# THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF DIRECT TESTIMONY

**OF** 

# **PERRY MANCILL**



**DOCKET NO. 2006-328-C** 

Petition of the Office of Regulatory Staff to Require ConnectNow! Telecomm, LLC to Issue Refunds

February 23, 2007

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2		TESTIMONY OF PERRY MANCILL FOR						
3	THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF							
4		DOCKET NO. 2006-328-C						
5		IN RE: PETITION OF OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF TO REQUIRE						
6		CONNECTNOW! TELECOM LLC TO ISSUE REFUNDS						
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8	Q.	PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, OCCUPATION AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.						
9	A.	My name is Perry Mancill. I own and manage a business, 76 Pawn and Gold, in						
10		Timmonsville, South Carolina. My business address is 101 East Smith Street,						
11		Timmonsville, SC 29161.						
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13	Q.	DID YOU PURCHASE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE FROM						
14		CONNECTNOW?						
15	A.	No. I was an agent for ConnectNow! Telecom LLC ("ConnectNow"). Consumers						
16	purchased ConnectNow service through my store and ConnectNow would draft my							
17	bank account each week.							
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19	Q:	WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY IN THIS						
20		PROCEEDING?						
21	A.	The purpose of my testimony is to inform the Commission of the amount of refund						
22		ConnectNow owes to me and my customers.						
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1 <b>O</b> .	WHAT IS THE	AMOUNT OF REFUND	YOU	ARE	OWED?
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- 2 A. Approximately \$4,389.00. ConnectNow drafted this amount from my bank account,
- 3 but service was disconnected on October 10, 2006. ConnectNow charged me for
- 4 service not delivered.

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## Q. DID YOU CONTACT CONNECTNOW AND REQUEST A REFUND?

- 7 A. I have not been able to reach Mr. Carter, President of ConnectNow, or any of his
- staff for some time. I have requested that the money be returned but have not
- 9 received any refund.

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# 11 Q: DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER COMPLAINTS REGARDING

- 12 **CONNECTNOW?**
- 13 A. Yes. Months after service was terminated, ConnectNow continued to attempt to
- draft my account. I informed ConnectNow in October of 2006 that ConnectNow
- no longer had my permission to draft my bank account. I had to put a freeze on
- my bank account to prevent any further withdrawals and this continues to be a
- 17 concern.

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#### Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?

20 A. Yes it does.

#### **BEFORE**

### THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

#### **SOUTH CAROLINA**

#### **DOCKET NO. 2006-328-C**

Office of Regulatory Staff	)	
Petitioner	)	
v.	)	Certificate of Service
	)	
ConnectNow! Telecom, LLC	)	
Respondent	)	

This is to certify that I, Pamela J. McMullan an employee with the Office of Regulatory Staff, have this date served one (1) copy of the **Direct Testimony and Exhibits of James M. McDaniel, Bonnie Tharpe and Perry Mancill** in the above-referenced matter to the person(s) named below by causing said copy to be deposited in the United States Postal Service, and addressed as shown below:

Andrico Carter ConnectNow! Telecomm, LLC 3800 Fernandina Road Suite 150 Columbia, SC 29210

Pamela J. McMullan

February 23, 2007 Columbia, South Carolina